Newsletter and Meeting Summary of the SANBAG Board of Directors

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MARCH BOARD OF DIRECTORS AGENDA:

The complete SANBAG Board of Directors Meeting Agenda is online at:

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► SANBAG Board Appoints New Executive Director



Dr. Raymond W. Wolfe

The SANBAG Board of Directors named Dr. Raymond W. Wolfe as the new Executive Director of the agency. He will assume his new position effective April 9, 2012.

Dr. Wolfe has been the District 8 Director of the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), which encompasses Riverside and San Bernardino counties. He succeeds Interim Executive Director Ty Schuiling, who has been serving in that capacity since Deborah Barmack

retired as SANBAG Executive Director in August 2011.

Dr. Wolfe began his career with Caltrans in 1991 as a Transportation Engineer. In 1998, he was promoted to Senior Bridge Engineer. In 2001, he took on the responsibility of opening a new bridge design office in Southern California as a Supervising Bridge Engineer. He was appointed District 8 Director in 2008.

Dr. Wolfe received his Doctorate in Civil Engineering from the University of Southern California, a Master of Science degree in Civil Engineering from the California State Polytechnic University in Pomona, and a Bachelor of Science degree in Aerospace Engineering from the University of Southern California. He is a Registered Civil Engineer and a Registered Mechanical Engineer in the State of California. He has broad knowledge and expertise in transportation, is familiar with regional and local issues, and has worked effectively with local partners. He has been actively involved at the national level through the Transportation Research Board and the Strategic Highway Research Program.

SANBAG's current Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Budget is \$716 Million. Funds are used to: assist with development of regional transportation policies; plan, design, and build freeway improvements, bridges, and railroad crossings; operate and expand commuter rail and transit services countywide; manage air quality programs and freeway service patrol; implement alternative fuel and energy programs; and advocate for countywide interests at State and Federal levels.

► I-15/I-215 Devore Junction **Environmental Document Approved**

The Environmental Document for the Devore project was approved on February 29, thus allowing the project to move forward with discussions about acquisition of property. Design Alternative 3A was identified in the approved documents as the selected design which best meets the needs and purpose of the project and is supported by the community of Devore. The next steps on the project include: contacting affected tenants, as well as property owners; select a Design-Builder in Fall 2012; begin Design at the end of 2012; conduct a public meeting prior to construction; and commence construction activity in early 2013. This is a Design-Build project, whereby design and construction will be done simultaneously by the same contractor.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS & COMMITTEE MEETINGS

APR 4	Board of Directors	9:30 am
APR 11	Administrative Comm.	9:00 am
APR 12	Major Projects Comm.	9:00 am
APR 18	Plans/Programs Comm.	12:00 pm
APR 19	Commuter Rail/Transit	12:00 pm
APR 20	Mountain/Desert Comm.	9:00 am
	(Location change: Victorville VVTA Bldg)	

EVENTS CALENDAR

APR 20 Building Dedication -11:00 am **Victor Valley Transit Authority New Transit Facility** 17150 Smoketree Street Hesperia

APR 21-22 Annual Railroad Days 9 am-5 pm 9 am-3 pm Santa Fe Depot, San Bernardino

> Interstate 215 Widening Project Video Series "215 in 2:15"

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► SANBAG Receives Report on Homelessness

The San Bernardino County Office of Homeless Services presented information to the SANBAG Board on the Interagency Council and Homeless Partnership. The County and Cities collaborate to serve the homeless population in the county and ensure recommendations listed in the County's 10-Year Strategy to End Homelessness are realized. The Interagency Council is composed of elected officials, state and local representatives, community and faith-based organizations, and corporate advocates.

► Railroad Maintenance Facility Progresses

The Southern California Regional Rail Authority's Eastern Maintenance Facility (EMF) received authorization from SANBAG to release the Invitation For Bid (IFB) and accept construction bids for the expansion of the facility located in north Colton, near Mill Street along the BNSF Railroad lines. As part of the extension of Metrolink service from the Santa Fe Depot to the new Downtown San Bernardino Transit Center, expansion of the EMF must be completed first. This will allow for overnight storage of Metrolink trains at the EMF.

► SANBAG Employee Recognized



SANBAG President Larry McCallon congratulates Beryl Teunissen on her 10 years of service with SANBAG. Beryl is the Transportation Programming Technician in the Programming Department at SANBAG. Among other duties, she tracks and reports on Federally-funded projects, including Congressional Appropriations.

Key Features, Citrus Project

► Public Meeting in Fontana explains upcoming projects

A public information meeting was held on March 1st in Fontana to tell residents and businesses about the upcoming start of construction on two interchanges in Fontana: the I-10/Citrus Avenue Interchange will start construction in April; the I-10/Cherry Avenue Interchange will start later this summer. Both projects will be constructed simultaneously and under the di-

rection of the same construction management firm, Falcon Engineering. Brutoco Engineering and Construction of Fontana was awarded the contract to construct the I-10/Citrus Interchange. The I-10/Cherry Interchange project will go out to bid during the coming months.

The Citrus Interchange bridge will be widened to seven lanes, with improvements extending from Slover Ave. on the south to Valley Blvd. on the north. A similar expansion on the Cherry Interchange will widen the bridge to eight lanes. In both projects, the improvements will continue over the UPRR tracks. Both Interchanges will remain open throughout the two-year construction period, as half the bridge will be constructed first, while traffic continues on the existing bridge. Traffic will then be transferred to the new section, as the other bridge half is constructed.